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Re: Thomas Patterson Hartness, et al.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 14, 2003, as set forth below.

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-75 (previously cancelled).

Claims 76-118 (cancelled).

Claim 119 (new) A continuous circular motion apparatus for packing articles into cases comprising:

a pickup station where the articles are picked up and a release station where the articles are released for packing into the cases;